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Hope Hospice Open House

Those donating to the Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree, honorees, families of memorialized persons and all friends of Hope Hospice are invited to an open house to be held Wednesday, January 11, from noon to 3 p.m. at the hospice office, 420 Main Street, Rochester.

During the open house, the commemorative ornaments from the Memorial Christmas Tree will be given as keepsakes of this special holiday season to participating families. Also, the Book of Remembrance listing the names of all the honorees and memorialized persons will be available for viewing. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

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AREA V MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 9, - Pork fritter sandwich, baked beans, cauliflower, and peaches

Wednesday, January 11 - Chicken fried chicken, baked potato, spinach salad, wheat roll and cake

Friday, January 13 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, wheat bread and lemon fruit salad.

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Scholarships for Grant Writing Workshops

Two grant writing workshops will be held Feb. 2 & 3 and June 15 & 16 at the Holiday Inn Express in Greenwood. Partial scholarships are available for anyone representing a nonprofit or faith based organization, government agency or school, or a student to attend the two-day grant writing workshops presented by Zocklein & Associates. All classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

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To register, call Zocklein & Associates at 800-371-5703 or visit www.zockgrant.com.

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Postage Going Up

New postage rates will take effect January 8. First class mail will cost \$.39 for a one ounce letter and \$.63 for a two ounce letter. Postcards will go from \$.23 to \$.24.

The price increase, the first since 2002, was made necessary by a federal law that passed in 2003 requiring the Postal Service to place \$3.1 billion in an escrow account.

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Formaldehyde: Have You Had Your Daily Dose?

Millions of Americans every day are willingly drinking a chemical that breaks down into formaldehyde in the digestive system. Why do they do this? Because they think it's good for them; because they want to lose weight or, at least, to avoid gaining weight; and because they, along with millions more, like to drink soda. They know sugar is unhealthy, so they choose "diet" soda.

Do they know they are introducing formaldehyde into their bodies? Probably not. Unfortunately, we can't always believe what the advertisers tell us, even the really big names in soda manufacturing. We have to take the trouble to know at least a little about what we are consuming.

Aspartame, a sugar substitute marketed under several household names such as NutraSweet and Equal, has a complex chemical structure. One part of that structure is methanol, commonly known as wood alcohol. Methanol itself is already a controversial ingredient. There is strong evidence to suggest that it has caused blindness and even death when consumed in quantity.

It gets worse. When consumed as part of the aspartame chemical, the methanol is broken down by the small intestine into formaldehyde, which is a strong preservative known to the general public for its use in preserving body parts in jars. The formaldehyde is further converted in the intestines to formic acid, the same poison conveyed by ant stings. That's not antacid, a substance commonly taken to settle the stomach, but ant acid, a toxic acid, which of course does just the opposite. One common practical use of formic acid is as an activator to strip epoxy and urethane coatings. This is not a substance calculated for the well-being of the human digestive systems.

True, it is not likely that the amount of aspartame in a can of soda will kill you or send you to the hospital; it is true that many foods we know and love are not traditionally classified as "healthy." But there is a significant difference between eating a food generally considered unhealthy - for example, a candy bar - and eating something that is actually a toxic chemical. Sugar is not healthy, but it isn't a poison.

Today, aspartame is available in a huge variety of popular food items - cakes, cookies, gum, beverages and many others. Read the small print on the gum packets at the grocery store checkout counter. You might be surprised what you find.

Since its 1981 approval, the FDA has published a list of close to 100 symptoms of aspartame

Legislative Breakfasts

The 2006 legislative breakfasts sponsored by the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce will be held January 28 and February 25 at the Manitou Banquet Center, Rochester. Both sessions will start at 8 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be served.

State-level elected officials will be on hand to discuss the activities of the Indiana General Assembly and answer questions from constituents.

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poisoning. The FDA admits approximately 80% of the consumer complaints it receives each year are aspartame-related. Just a few of the documented physical side effects are abdominal pain, asthma, burning eyes or throat, diarrhea, fatigue, heart palpitations and death. Yes, death is listed as one of the possible side-effects. And there is also a long list of mental side-effects, including mental confusion, irritability and memory loss.

Unfortunately, halting consumption does not completely reverse the physical damage and mental side-effects. However, there is something effective you can do.

According to the *New York Times* bestseller *Clear Body, Clear Mind* by author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard, toxins are stored in the fatty tissues in the body and can remain there for years after the initial exposure to the toxins occurred. The book offers a program that can reduce the amount of toxins in the body. This supervised program is a careful balance of exercise to increase circulation, vitamin and mineral supplements and time sweating in the sauna. Many of those who have completed the program since its inception in 1979 have experienced results such as thinking more clearly and having more energy.

This program, which is endorsed by many health professionals, was administered to New York firefighters who were suffering from side-effects of exposure to toxins at Ground Zero. The program received rave reviews. One graduate, a firefighter of 19 years who had been told his days were over because of his symptoms, reported simply and joyfully, "I am finally back to my old self!"

We live in a toxic world and need to minimize our exposure to pollutants and toxins while at the same time cleaning out the accumulated toxins in the body. For more information, visit www.clearbodyclearmind.com.

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Recycling Dates

Friday, Jan. 13th & 20th

BUDGET BILLING PAYMENTS FOR SOME NIPSCO CUSTOMERS TO INCREASE

MERRILLVILLE, Ind.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company today announced about one third of the utility's 200,000 customers on budget billing payment plans will see an increase in their monthly budget payment beginning with their January 2006 bills. NIPSCO performs an annual mid year review of all budget plans in December to determine if payments need to be either increased or decreased based on the customer's estimated actual usage for the budget year.

"The budget billing plan is probably one of the best tools customers can use to manage their winter heating bills," said Customer Contact Center Manager Debora Owen. "By making this mid winter adjustment budget plans will be much closer to actual usage when accounts "settle up" in May 2006.

Budget payments are calculated in May of each year and are based on historical usage and the anticipated cost of natural gas for the coming 12-month period. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, however, which affected major Gulf of Mexico producing areas, drove up wholesale natural gas prices this winter even further than expected requiring, in some cases, adjustments to budget billing plan payments.

Customers requiring an adjustment in their monthly budget billing payment received a message on their December bill reflecting the new payment amount and that it would be effective with their January 2006 statement.

The News In Brief

The Fulton County Drainage Board will meet Monday, January 9, at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

The Fulton County Board of Finance will hold reorganization meeting at 8:30 a.m. January 9 in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building.

Robert Cannedy, Rochester, has been reappointed to the Fulton County Public Defender Commission by Judges Douglas B. Morton and Wayne E. Steele. Cannedy will be starting his third three-year term, having first been appointed to start January 1, 2000. Other board members include Mike Whirlledge who is also appointed by the judges and David Clauson, appointed by the commissioners, who serves as board president.

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Deadline Near for Statewide Youth Arts Competition, eXcel Awards

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance annual eXcel Awards competition deadline for entries is January 27, 2006. All Indiana high school students who excel in various forms of artistic expression are invited to enter. Winners will be awarded college scholarships. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance established the eXcel Awards, formerly Project XL, in 1989. The company continues to fund and administer the program, which awarded \$44,500 in scholarship prizes during last year's competition.

Perceptions is the topic for the 2005-2006 competition. Students can enter their original and creative interpretation of *Perceptions* in one of six categories: writing, music, two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, video or performance.

Students can request a *Perceptions* topic booklet with an entry form by visiting www.infarmbureau.com/Excel and completing the "request entry form" section.

Entries may be submitted from January 24 - 27, 2006, at any local Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance office. For the nearest office, visit www.infarmbureau.com, check the local yellow pages, or call 800-723-FARM (3276). Additional details and entry information are also available from Special Markets Coordinator Pam Walker at Pam.Walker@infarmbureau.com or 800-723-FARM (3276), extension 7748.

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James F. Talbott VFW No. 1121 Activities

January 14 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

January 14 - Cards have to be paid for drawing

January 17 - Women's meeting, 7:30 p.m.

January 18 - Card drawing, 7 p.m.

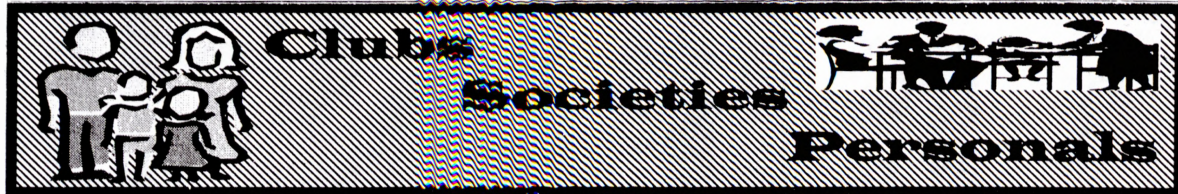
January 24 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 29 - Open Sunday at noon. Euchre/cards at 1 p.m. Free lunch. Everyone welcome.

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Bureau of Motor Vehicles
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Tues: 8:30am - 7pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 8:30 - 5pm
Sat: 8:30am - 12:30pm

The Fulton County Hazardous Substance Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, January 18, in the meeting room of the County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester. The agenda will include election of officers and well testing update.



12-Step Retreat at Lindenwood

Registrations are now being taken for a 12-Step Compulsive Eating and Eating Disorders Retreat to be held at Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center, Donaldson. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, February 3, to 1 p.m. Sunday, February 5. The program fee is \$160 for a single room, \$130 per person for a double occupancy room, and \$80 for commuter.

This weekend is designed as time away from work and home to focus on where you are in life and in your recovery. The focus of the retreat will be on the spirituality of the 12 steps, which are recognized as the foundation of most successful recovery programs.

For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at 574-935-1780 weekdays or email lw@lindenwood.org. The deadline to register is January 26.

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Kewanna Locals

Tom and Barb LaFollette recently took her mother, Pauline Eikenberry of Kokomo, on a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee where they spent a week in a cabin up in the Smokies. They enjoyed various restaurants including The Apple Barn Restaurant, Bennett's Barbecue and Flapjacks. They went to the Governor's Palace to see a performance of "Celebrate Christmas". All the performers are youth from 18-22 years of age who commit to at least one year of work and time in exchange for

one year at a college of their choice. The cast was outstanding according to the LaFollettes. The finale was Christ rising into the clouds. The trio also took in Elwood Sinoch's "Ole Smokey Hoedown", two hours of singing and laughter. They did some shopping and enjoyed the beautiful Christmas lights. While they were in Tennessee, they went out for dinner with Brian and Stephanie Metzger, Karlie and Brycen, who live on Douglas Lake. They enjoyed a buffet meal at Angelo's on the Greens offering everything from prime rib to blackened salmon. They report that the food was terrific. They visited in the Metzger home following the meal where they enjoyed coffee and refreshments and watched the Colts/San Diego football game in their theater/entertainment room. The Metzgers have uniquely decorated each room. They presented gifts to Tom, Barb and Pauline before they left. Even Karlie got in on the gift giving, present each with a handmade gift.

Tom and Barb LaFollette spent Christmas Day with their son, Chris and Nita LaFollette and family. They were joined by Terry and Karina Bohac, Shelby and Nick. The family enjoyed a meal, gift exchange and an overnight visit.

The LaFollettes did some shopping in Kokomo December 27, stopping at Martino's Italian Villa afterwards for lunch and a visit with Angie, Mike, Mary and Joe Martino.

Shelby Bohac was an overnight

guest of her grandparents, the LaFollettes Friday, December 30. Shelby's parents, Terry and Karina, and her brother, Nick, joined them New Year's Eve with snacks. The group played games and watched the ball drop in the New York City celebration. The Bohacs spent the night and everyone enjoyed a big breakfast in the morning and a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal for New Year's Day.

Tom LaFollette's uncle, Tom Appel of Crawfordsville, passed away Christmas day. The viewing wasn't until Thursday, December 29, as they were awaiting the arrival of his grandson who is stationed in Iraq. The funeral was Friday, December 30. After spending the afternoon with Tom's cousin, Clifford Appel, the LaFollette's stopped to visit another cousin of Tom's in Darlington. Barbara LaFollette (yes, another Barb LaFollette) welcomed them with homemade vegetable soup, cheese sandwiches and apple pie. They enjoyed a good visit before returning home.

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU January 9 - 13

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Wednesday - Donut, yogurt, juice and milk

Thursday - Peanut butter crackers, juice and milk

Friday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Egg, cheese and sausage sandwich, hash browns, orange juice and milk

Tuesday - Cheese breadsticks, baked potato, applesauce and milk

Wednesday - Hamburger sandwich, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, hot roll and milk

Friday - Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, fruit salad and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Tenderloin, winter blend vegetables, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Chili soup with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, pickle spear, applesauce and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheese pizza, carrots, cake, grapes and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Deli turkey and cheese sandwich, potato rounds, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Tacos, hard/soft shell, lettuce and cheese, apple crisp, and milk. Choice - potato bar

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 23
Births – Ryan and Angie Black, Akron, a son

December 27
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Mary Doud and Laura Sayger and son, Rochester; and Angie Black and son, Akron

Births – Michael and Teresa Vires, Rochester, a son

December 28
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – Alex Craig, Macy

Births – Luke and Sarah Mikesell, Rochester, a daughter

December 29
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – Teresa Vires and son, Rochester

December 30
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – Sarah Mikesell and daughter, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

December 23
Admissions – None
Dismissals – None

December 24
Admissions – None
Dismissals – None

December 25
Admissions – Kathryn Tilley and Jane Ewing, Winamac
Dismissals – Bernice Decker, Ora

December 26
Admissions – Dorothy Gilsinger, Winamac
Dismissals – Frances Hines, Winamac

December 27
Admissions – Payton West, Royal Center; Samantha Davis, Francesville

Dismissals – None

December 28
Admissions – Mabel Cupka, Medaryville; Charles Blount and Stan Zaley, Winamac

Dismissals – Kathryn Tilley, Winamac

Births – Kurtis Neil Erb and Samantha Victoria Davis, Francesville, a daughter, Jaden Asiah Erb

December 29
Admissions – Virgil Fauser, Kewanee
Dismissals – Samantha Davis and daughter, Francesville

DEATHS.....

BENNY R. CLINE, SR.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanee Chapel, for Benny R. Cline, Sr., 56, Delong. Rev. Floyd Allen officiated and burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, Leiters Ford. Mr. Cline died at 4:09 a.m. Saturday, December 31, 2005 in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room.

Born August 19, 1949 at Tamcliff, West Virginia, he was the son of Marion and Bell Cline. He was married April 12, 1969 at Knoxville, Tennessee, to Carolyn F. Thomas, who died February 27, 1998. He then married Susan Kite, October 4, 2003 at Delong.

Mr. Cline was a machine operator and truck driver for Braun Seating Co., Leiters Ford. He was a member of the Delong Gospel Lighthouse Church and

liked to fish, hunt and bowl.

Surviving besides his wife are four sons, Michael W., Cicero, Illinois, Benny R., Jr., Joliet, Illinois, Earl B. and Randy, Rochester; two daughters, Martha A. Alvaredo, Cicero, Illinois, and Rebecca M. Franco, Chicago, Illinois; one step-son, Robert Kite, Rochester; two sisters, Freida Mounts, West Virginia, and Roberta Mitchum, Dry Ridge, Kentucky; two brothers, John Henry Cline, Tennessee, and Earl Cline, Moundville, West Virginia; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association and/or the American Heart Association.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Prenatal classes will be held on consecutive Thursdays, January 5 through February 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. There will also be a breastfeeding class February 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the classes.

FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS

CRIME OF THE WEEK!

January 02, 2006

CRIME / ACTIVITY: BURGLARY
CASE NUMBER: 25-350-05
LOCATION: 3579 East 500 North
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SUMMARY: Between 10-19-05 and 10-21-05 the suspect made forced entry into the victims home. Once inside the theft of several firearms was committed. Any one with information is requested to contact Crime Stoppers. If you have any information on this case or any other crime call Crime Stoppers. You could earn up to \$1,000.00 reward if the information leads to an arrest or indictment. Callers do not have to reveal their names and all calls are confidential.

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The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, January 5, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH board room. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, it is highly suggested that you meet with the grief counselor alone to assess your individual needs. Call 574-946-2180.

Families First offers a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6017 to schedule an appointment.



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Letters To The Editor...

The Kewanna Community Food Pantry, located in the Methodist Church at Pearl and Toner Streets, has been in operation several years, serving those in need of food in the western side of Fulton County - Wayne, Aubbeenaubee and Union Townships.

It was started to serve those families in need of food in an emergency, although those clients may return in eight weeks if a need is still there.

We would like to thank the churches in this area, other organizations, and the many other individuals who have been most generous in donating food and money to buy meats (we do have a freezer).

If it were not for those who shared with those in need, we would not have been able to help the 64 families we helped in 2005. Some were repeats.

Volunteers are there on Thursdays by appointment only. Call the Methodist Church office at 574-653-2201 or the Methodist parsonage at 574-653-9022 for an appointment.

Thanks again for your help.

Food Pantry Volunteers

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National Radon Action Month

During National Radon Action Month, our Nation is reminded of the serious danger that radon gas poses in our homes. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon causes about 20,000 deaths from lung cancer in the U.S. annually. Exposure to indoor radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking, and the U.S. Surgeon General has warned that radon is a national health problem.

Protecting the health of all Americans against the threat of radon gas begins with testing

your home.

Radon is natural radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water from the natural decay of uranium. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless. Fortunately, scientists have provided tools that help protect us from radon, such as a simple test that determines the level of exposure in our homes, schools and other buildings. Testing for and measurement of this dangerous gas in the indoor air we breathe is simple, inexpensive and effective. If elevated levels are detected, there are simple, cost effective steps that can be taken to reduce concentrations to acceptable levels.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is working in concert with other Federal, State and volunteer organizations to educate Americans about the risks of radon. During National Radon Action Month, I encourage all Americans to join in this crucial effort and learn more about the health risk posed by radon, test for it, and when warranted take steps to reduce

exposure to it.

As Assistant Administrator of the Office of Air and Radiation in the United States Environmental Protection Agency, I urge the recognition of the month of January as National Radon Action Month. I encourage our partners and programs to honor this observation with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Jeffrey R. Holmstead
Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Kewanna Locals

Julie and Pauline Brown had visitors Monday, Jan. 2. Stopping by for a holiday chat were Camile Zimpleman of Fulton and Angie Douglass and Anna.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Vickie Gupton, Vickie Molitor, Andrew Smith, Seth Studebaker and Tim Wilson, Jan. 8; Alexandria Baker and Scott Oliver, Jan. 9; Delores Jones, Patty McKinney and

Brayden Ousley, Jan. 10; Connie Cogdill and Erin Tomerlin, Jan. 11; John Lincoln, Ron Scantlen and Doris Zellers, Jan. 12; Jacob Kiss, Dave Patty and Jay Urbin, Jan. 13; and Micah Cook, Kristen Evers and Sarah Johnston, Jan. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Weller will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 8.

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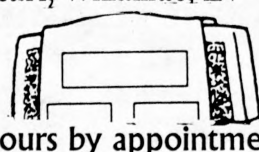
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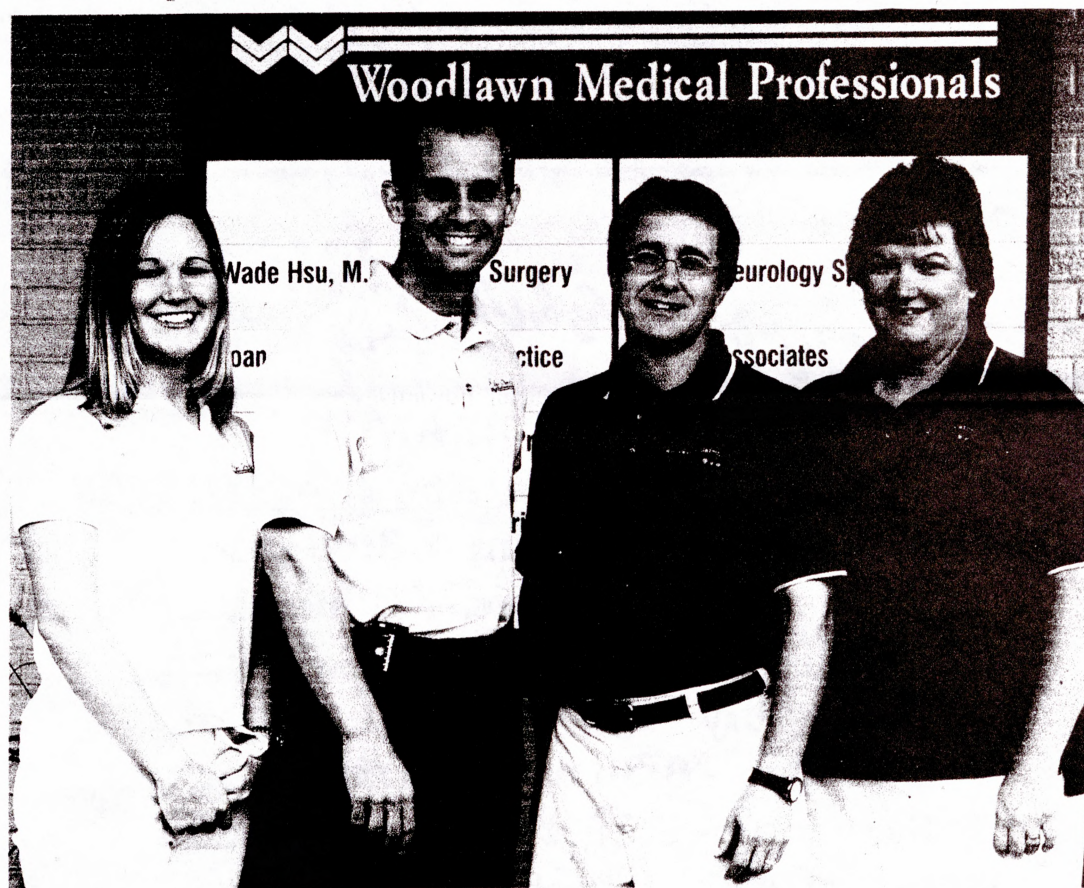
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Local Items

Jerry and Kay Brown traveled to Rushville Thursday for an overnight stay with their son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Karen Brown. While there, they attended the Shelby County high school boys' basketball tourney.

Stuart and Rachel Gast of Winamac hosted their family's Christmas get-together Thursday. Their guests for dinner and a gift exchange were their son and

daughter-in-law, Jon and Barb Gast; their grandson and his children, Jonathon Paul, Quinn, Ethan and Jack of Oak Park, Illinois; their granddaughter and her friend who are in the Peace Corps, Elisabeth Paul and Stas of Kyrgyzstan; and their granddaughter, Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Jackie Heidenreich was the guest of honor at a small gathering Thursday evening. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her daughter and son-in-law Vickie and Mike Molitor. Helping them mark the event with dinner and a visit were Jackie's friend, John Lincoln, and family friend, Krystal Smith.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had houseguests over the holiday weekend. Staying with them for several days were their son, Bill Evers, and his friend and her daughter, Veronica Pardy and Courtney, all of Rochester, New York.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed dining at Kosta's restaurant in Winamac Friday evening.

Ruth Ann Anderson spent the New Year's holiday weekend as a houseguest of her daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Jim Lincoln at South Bend. The ladies had a nice time visiting and catching-up on the family news. While there, the family also had a fun time helping Becky and Jim's granddaughter, Kahlan Edwards, celebrate her 3rd birthday. Kahlan is the daughter of Adam and Sara Edwards of South Bend.

Marie Smitley and her family gathered Saturday for their Christmas celebration. Getting together at the First Church of God in Rochester were over 75 members of Marie's family.

Karen Kruger of Brownsburg was a Saturday overnight houseguest of her sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Jerry Brown.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent were New Year's Eve guests of Gilbert and Joyce Vallis.

Helen Miller had a few New Year's Eve guests. Joining her for

a pleasant visit were her grandson and his family, Scott and Karen Mills, Amber and Alex, of Rochester.

Mathilda Lamb had a guest Sunday, Jan. 1. Spending the first day of the New Year with her was her brother, David Besse. They enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of visiting.

Pauline Brown and Julie had company Sunday. Arriving early in the afternoon for a New Year's visit were Pauline's son and his

family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland and Luke Sutton. The group also took the opportunity to help Deb celebrate her upcoming birthday.

Marie Smitley and Beverly Perry had several callers Sunday. Stopping by for visits were Marie's niece and her husband, Mary and Bill McCarty of Cutler and her niece, Betty Overholser, and Sandy Nestler of Logansport.

Jerry and Kay Brown had callers Sunday. Stopping by late in the day for their first visit of the New Year were their daughter

and her family, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly of Rochester.

Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda, had visitors Sunday evening. Joining them for supper and a New Year's visit were Brian's parents, Nancy and Leonard Evers.

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ORDINANCE NO. #121905
ORDINANCE GRANTING EASEMENT
TO T.V. CABLE OF WINAMAC,
INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND
ASSIGNS TO OWN, OPERATE, AND
MAINTAIN A COMMUNITY
TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE
COUNTY OF FULTON;
SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS
ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF
EASEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR
REGULATIONS AND USE
OF SAID SYSTEM BY SAID
COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY
OF FULTON, INDIANA, AS
FOLLOWS:

1. Short Title: This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Cable Television Ordinance."

2. Definitions: For the purpose of this Ordinance the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

(a) "County" is the County of Fulton in the State of Indiana.

(b) "Company" is T.V. Cable of Winamac, Inc., the grantees of rights under this Ordinance awarding easement.

(c) "Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(d) "System" shall mean the entire cable television network located in the County of Fulton.

(e) "Franchise" when used in this Ordinance shall be synonymous with the word easement. It is not the intention of the County to grant a franchise, within the ordinary legal meaning of said term, to the Company.

3. Grant of Authority: The County, after due consideration and being satisfied as to the Company's legal, technical, character, financial, and other qualifications, hereby grants to the Company a non-exclusive franchise, right and privilege to construct, erect, operate, and maintain, in, upon, along, across, above, over, and under the streets, alleys, public ways, and public places now laid out or dedicated and all extensions thereof, and additions thereto, in the County, poles, wires, cables, and underground conduits, manholes, and other television conductors and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation in the County of a cable television system for the purpose of distributing television and radio signals, and other electronic impulses in order to furnish television and radio programs, and various communications and other electronic services to the public. The right so granted includes the right use said streets, alleys, public ways, and public places and all manner of easements for the purpose herein set forth. To the extent possible, the Company shall make attachments to poles already in existence within the County. To the extent that existing poles are insufficient for its purposes, or if the Company is unable to negotiate arrangements satisfactory to it for use of existing poles, the Company shall have the right to erect and maintain its own poles, as necessary for the

construction and maintenance of its distribution system, subject to the approval of the County as to the location of such poles. The Company shall obtain approval from Fulton County Commissioners concerning the location of any new poles before their installation. The Company shall extend to the County, free of expense, joint use of any and all poles owned by the Company for any proper municipal purpose insofar as may be accomplished without interference with the use and enjoyment of the Company's cable and fixtures. The County shall hold the Company harmless from any and all actions, causes of action, or damage caused by the placement of County's wires or appurtenances upon the poles of the Company. The Company shall not erect or cause to be erected any poles in any area where underground electric and telephone service is furnished; in such a service area the Company's distribution system shall also be installed underground.

4. Standards and Requirements: Construction and maintenance of the transmission distribution system, including house connection shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, the National Electrical Code of the National Board of Underwriters, and such applicable ordinances and regulations of the County affecting electrical installations which may be, from time to time, in effect. The system shall be adequately grounded according to best cable industry practices. In case of any disturbance of pavement, sidewalk, driveway, or other surface, the Company shall, at its own expense and in a manner approved by the County, remove, replace and restore all pavement, sidewalk, driveway, or surface so disturbed in as good condition as before the work was commenced. In event the County shall elect to alter or change any street, alley, easement or public way, requiring relocation of the facilities of the Company, the Company, upon reasonable notice by the County, shall remove and relocate the same at its own expense. The Company shall, when necessary, on the request of any person holding an appropriate permit issued by the County, temporarily raise or lower its lines to permit the moving of any building or other structure. The actual expenses of such temporary removal shall be paid by the person requesting the same and the Company shall have the right to require such payment in advance or such temporary removal. Said payment shall be reasonable and in accord with the standard practices and charges of the community. Whenever it is necessary to shut off or interrupt services for the purpose of making repairs, installations, or adjustments, the Company shall do so at such times as will cause the least amount of inconvenience to its customers.

5. Liability and Indemnification: The Company shall and hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the County, its officers and agents harmless from and against any and all claims, or cause of action, liability, judgments, damages, costs, losses, or expenses arising out of the

Company's construction, installation, maintenance, or operation of the Cable Television System authorized herein, including, but not limited to, any claim, demand, or suit made or brought against the County arising out of the content of any program transmitted through the said system. The County shall notify the Company's representative in the County within fifteen (15) days after the presentation of any claim or demand to the County, either by suit or otherwise, made against the County on account of any contract, act, or omission to act, negligent, or otherwise, on the part of the Company. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company shall, at the option of the County, undertake to defend such claim or demand in the name of the County. The Company shall carry and pay the cost of maintaining liability insurance providing coverage against the following risks and in the minimum amounts sufficient to support its obligations under the provisions of this section. The Company shall furnish to the County a certificate of insurance outlining the coverage specified above. Said certificate shall be presented to the Fulton County Auditor annually. The Company shall comply with all the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Laws of Indiana.

6. Local Office: The Company shall maintain a toll free telephone number where inquiries or complaints regarding quality of service, equipment malfunctions, billing disputes, and similar matters. Inquiries or complaints shall be received during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All complaints and inquiries will be investigated, responded to, or acted upon as promptly as it is practical, and unless circumstances otherwise require, within three business days of their receipt.

7. Conditions of Road Occupancy:

(a) The Company may enter into one or more contracts with the light, gas, water utilities in the County of Fulton, the telephone company or the owner or lessee of any poles or posts located within the County to whatever extent such contract or contracts may be expedient and of advantage to the Company in furnishing the services covered by this franchise to its customers.

(b) The Company system poles, wires, and appurtenances shall be located, erected and maintained so that none of it shall endanger or interfere with the lives of persons, or interfere with any improvements the County may deem proper to make, or hinder unnecessarily or obstruct the free use of the streets, alleys, bridges, easements, or public property.

8. Subscriber Contracts: No contract as to the length of service for a regular monthly subscriber shall be required by the Company. The Company agrees it shall be the right of the subscriber to start or terminate his service on the cable according to his own wishes by making advance payments to commence service and to terminate said by giving the Company reasonable notice. For the purposes of termination reasonable notice shall be fourteen (14) days. Any rights of the

customer are enforceable by said customer, and the County shall not be obligated to prosecute or defend any actions between the customer and the Company arising from the terms contained herein or the relationship between the customer and the Company. It is hereby acknowledged, however, that equipment installed by the Company on behalf of the subscriber shall remain the property of the Company, and shall be subject to reasonable inspection and service by the Company at reasonable hours and shall be subject to removal upon termination of the service. Upon removal of the equipment from the customer's real estate the Company shall repair at its own cost any damage done to said real estate during said removal.

The service rendered by the Company shall be available to all inhabitants of the County along reasonable pole routes of the Company.

9. Transfer and Right of Acquisition:

No sale or transfer shall be effective until the purchaser, and seller, assignee, lessee, or transferee has filed with the Board of Commissioners Of Fulton County a request, duly executed, reciting the fact of such sale, assignment or lease, accepting the terms of this ordinance and agreeing to perform all conditions thereof. In addition, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County may require such additional proof of financial responsibility, as it deems necessary upon investigation. The rights granted under this ordinance shall not be sold or transferred by the Company to any outside interest except upon written notice to the County not less than thirty (30) days before such transfer or sale and subject to the approval of the County through its Board of Commissioners of Fulton County. Said approval shall not be unreasonable withheld.

10. Franchise Terms: The easement granted the Company herein shall terminate twenty (20) years from date of this Ordinance, provided however, that the easement may be renewed for successive twenty (20) year terms if the County shall determine, after a public hearing as provided herein, that such renewal would be in the best interests of the County and its residents. It shall be the Company's obligation to apply for renewal of said easement. Failure to so apply shall result in an automatic termination of the easement. Said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(a) Notice and Hearing: Not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the termination date of any term, the Company shall give written notice to the County of such termination date, which written notice shall request a date, time, and place for a public hearing on the renewal of the easement desired by the Company. Notice of the date, time and place of said hearing and the purposes thereof shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County serviced not less than one per week for two successive weeks; the last publication date being not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The Company as well as all members of the public interested in the renewal of the easement or the modification of its terms shall be heard, and the County shall thereupon have the right to renew or not renew the easement or to modify the terms thereof. For the purposes of this paragraph only any and all actions required hereunder

shall be conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County.

11. Rates and Charges: The Company agrees that all rates charged to subscribers to its services shall be standard, uniform and reasonable. The County has no control over any rate and charges. The Company by virtue of this Ordinance does not become a County utility subject to its power to regulate and control rates.

12. Commencement of Construction: Upon grant of this easement to construct and maintain a community television system in the County of Fulton, the Company may enter into contracts with light, gas, and water utility which service the County of Fulton, telephone company or others for the uses of poles and posts necessary for proper installation of the system, obtain right-of-way permits from appropriate State, County and Federal officials necessary to cross highways or roads under their respective jurisdictions to supply main trunk lines from the Company's received antennas, obtain permission from the Federal Aviation Authority to erect and maintain antennas suitable to the needs of the system and its subscribers, and obtain whatever other permits the City, County, State or Federal Agency may require. In the construction, installation and maintenance of its system the Company will use steel, cable, and electronic devices all of specialized and advanced design and type.

13. Construction Schedule: Upon the passage of this ordinance, all works necessary for the installation of the cable television system in the County shall be completed within twelve (12) months or said ordinance shall be null and void. Only the area built within twelve (12) months, only extensions of 5280 feet or less will be built without the written permission of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County. A certificate of completion shall be filed with the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County.

14. Compliance of FCC Rules: The Company hereby agrees to comply with all FCC Rules, which apply, and any and all modifications, amendments, or deletions after the date of this Ordinance are automatically incorporated by reference herein.

15. Activities Prohibited: The Company shall not allow its cable or other operations to interfere with television reception of persons not served by the Company, nor shall the system interfere with, obstruct, or hinder in any manner, the operation of various utilities servicing the residents of Fulton County. Upon notice to the Company, it shall take whatever action is necessary to correct any interferences as outlined in this paragraph. Failure of the Company to make said corrections shall result in the repeal of this Ordinance and the Company. No notice or hearing shall be necessary for said repeal.

16. Limited Purpose: This easement is granted by the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Fulton to the Company purely for the purpose of using easements, streets, and highways of the County to erect and construct the Company's system and is not intended to convey any copyright or patent privileges whatsoever nor is said easement intended to

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give the Company exclusive rights to construct a cable television system in the limits of the County.

17. **Separability:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

18. **Repealer:** All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

19. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance take effect from the date it shall have been passed by the board of Commissioners of Fulton County, and become effective as provided by law.

APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Of Fulton County
Richard A. Powell
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TV CABLE OF WESLAC, INC
Eric Galbreath, V.P.
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RESOLUTION #112905
RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON
COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS Fulton County has long been serviced by an airport that has been overseen and operated by the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS Indiana Law provides that airports shall be managed and operated by a Board of Aviation Commissioners unless the County fiscal body should choose to establish an Airport Authority, and;

WHEREAS after due consideration, the Fulton County Council is convinced that the operation and management of the Fulton County Airport by an Airport Authority provides fiscal and managerial advantages over the operation of an airport by a Board of Aviation Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS the Fulton County Airport has been and continues to be a vital asset to Fulton County, and;

WHEREAS the Fulton County Council believes that it would be in the best interest of Fulton County and the best interest of the most efficient operation of the Fulton County Airport to convert to an Aviation Board, and; WHEREAS the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have urged the Fulton County Council to adopt a resolution in favor of the establishment of an Airport Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Council, pursuant to the authority granted by Indiana Code Sec 8-22-3, et seq, hereby establishes an Airport Authority which shall be known as the Fulton County Airport Authority, which Airport Authority shall control, manage and operate the Fulton County Airport which previously had been controlled, managed and operated by the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners.

Dated: November 22, 2005

Christopher D. Sailors
Judith DeVries
Michael Gearhart
Gary Sriver
James Widman
Earl Gaerte
David Helt

ATTEST: Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor

Pub. 1/05/2006

RESOLUTION #010306
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF
FULTON, INDIANA ESTABLISHING
MEETING TIMES FOR 2006

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have established that they will meet on the First Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., and the third Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. E.S.T., unless that Monday falls on a County observed Holiday, then the meeting will be held on the first Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., or the third Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. E.S.T., of that month in the Assembly Room in the new Fulton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fulton County have established meeting times as set out under Code 36-2-2-6.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Fulton County Commissioners that:

1. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners has established that they will meet on the First Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., and the third Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. E.S.T., unless that Monday falls on a County observed Holiday, then the meeting will be held on the first Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., or the third Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. E.S.T., of that month in the Assembly Room in the new Fulton County Office Building.

2. Other meetings will be scheduled and a public notice will be given.

Adopted this 3rd day of January, 2006.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Richard A. Powell
Roger D. Rose
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ATTEST: Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor

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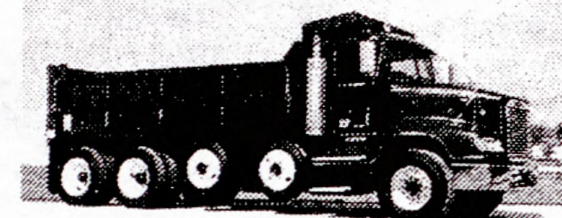
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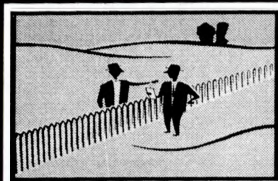
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By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Lois Wilson accompanied her son, Dennis Wilson, to his home in Greensburg Saturday, Dec. 24. The following morning, Dennis and his wife Susan, hosted their family's holiday celebration. Their guests for a gift exchange and dinner were their daughter, Kathy Wilson of Morganfield, Kentucky and her friend; their son and grandchildren, David Wilson, Joseph and Samantha; and Lois Wilson. Lois returned home Monday morning.

Ray and Beth Weller were busy over the Christmas weekend. They had numerous visits from their family Saturday. In the evening, they headed to Lebanon, Ohio and a six-day holiday visit with their daughters and their families, Beth Ann Deckard, Linda and Steve Tufts, Lauren and Leah, and Kirsten and Rob Kaufman. Sunday, the Tufts hosted their family's holiday celebration during which the Don Reason family of Tre'voux, France called to talk with everyone.

Mildred McColley left Saturday for a three-day holiday

visit as a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Karon McColley at Frankfort. Christmas Day, they traveled to West Lafayette where they were guests of Ron and Karon's daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and Chris Batta, for a holiday dinner and visit. Also joining in the celebration were Ginger's brother and sister-in-law, Rush and Mendi McColley of Crawfordsville.

Earl and Mary Bangel hosted their family's Christmas gathering Monday, Dec. 26. Joining them for dinner and a wonderful day of visiting were their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan; their sons and their families Darel and Nancy Bangel, Andrew and Sara, of West Lafayette, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac and Bruce and Theresa Bangel, Kevin and Rob, of Indianapolis; their granddaughter and her husband, Amber and Garrick Merrill; and Rob's friend, Megan.

Don and Pauline Scales had a few callers Monday. Stopping in for a visit and joining them for

lunch were their grandson and his children, Matt Heiden, Austin and Audrey, of Plainfield, Illinois.

Ruth Cogdill returned home Tuesday, Dec. 27, after a wonderful five-day stay at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligoeki. Attending a beautiful candlelight dinner Christmas Eve hosted by the Ligoekis were their daughter and her fiancé, Sonya Heinsen and Brian Kleiner of Woodland Park, Colorado; their daughter and her family, Renata Crissinger and Joe Peterson and their children, Doran, Lily and Roan; and family friend, Dale Fleming. Christmas Day dinner included all of the immediate family plus Linda's aunt, Janel Norris; her uncle, David Norris; and her aunt, Sue Norris, her uncle, Mike, and cousin, Sam, of Evanston, Illinois. It was a wonderful day for the family to visit and enjoy

the holiday weekend.

Beth Weller was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Tuesday evening. The occasion was in honor of her 80th birthday and celebrated at the Carrabbas restaurant. The event was made complete with a birthday cake and the waiters singing "Happy Birthday" in Italian.

Sonya Heinsen and Brian Kleiner returned home to Colorado Wednesday, Dec. 28, following a week spent with family and friends.

Barb and Jon Gast and Angela had a couple of visitors Wednesday. Staying with them throughout the day was Barb and Jon's great-grandson, Brendan Sutton. In the evening, they were joined for an overnight visit by their great-granddaughter, Shelby Wagoner of Etna Green.

Beverly Perry of Springfield, Ohio arrived late in the week for an extended visit with her mother,

Marie Smitley.

Tim and Deb Cogdill of Macy treated Tim's mother, Ruth Cogdill, to lunch at the Kibitzer restaurant Wednesday. Also joining in were Tim and Deb's daughter and son-in-law, Candice and Mark Field. The family enjoyed some catching-up and Tim enjoyed talking to former Kewanna classmate, Tom Hickie.

Linda Garner had some energetic visitors Thursday, Dec. 29. Spending the morning with her were her grandchildren, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna Young of Twelve Mile.

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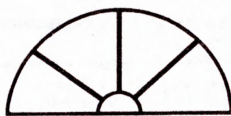
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